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Applicant : Christophe Beclin et al.
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For : NOVEL SGS3 PLANT GENE AND USES THEREOF

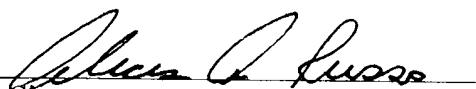
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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments prior to examination on the merits pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.115(b)(2)(iii). Applicants enclose herewith an English translation of the international application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.495(c)(1). Applicants also enclose a Substitute Sequence Listing in paper and electronic form, a Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney, and an Assignment and enclose the fees required pursuant to